



BIOGRAPHY

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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT CRAIG K. DEATHERAGE

Chief Master Sergeant Craig K. Deatherage is the 325th Fighter Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant, Air Education and Training Command, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The 325th Fighter Wing is comprised of 4,849 personnel, F-15 and F/A-22 aircraft, and provides support for about 1,400 additional personnel in 30 associate units. The wing is the exclusive active duty training unit for F-15 pilots and the only training location for F/A-22 pilots and air battle managers. The 325th Fighter Wing is also responsible for training intelligence officers, maintainers and other support specialties for worldwide assignment to combat air force units.

He is a Career Enlisted Aviator with 3900+ hours total flying time. He has flown 2760 hours in the E-3A/B/C and 1130 hours in the E-8A/C. The Chief has amassed 200+ combat flying hours during Operations DESERT STORM and ENDURING FREEDOM. He has served in various combat leadership roles including deployed First Sergeant in Operation ALLIED FORCE, and Squadron Superintendent during Operation ENDURING FREEDOM at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar.



Chief Deatherage was raised in Newton, Iowa and entered the Air Force in 1982. His family includes his wife, Jeanette, and daughters Sarah, age 15, and Melody, age 10.

EDUCATION:

- 1985 Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, Tinker AFB, OK
- 1986 Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, Sheppard AFB, TX
- 1988 Tactical Air Command Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Bergstrom AFB, TX
- 1996 Associates Degree, Avionics Systems Technology, Community College of the Air Force
- 1998 Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Maxwell AFB, AL
- 1998 USAF First Sergeant Academy Additional Duty Symposium
- 2005 Center for Creative Leadership, San Diego, CA

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. September 1982 – September 1985, Airborne Radar Technician/Instructor Airborne Radar Technician, 963d Airborne Warning and Control Squadron. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.
2. September 1985 – June 1987, Instructor Airborne Radar Technician, 966th Airborne Warning and Control Training Squadron. 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.
3. June 1987 – June 1989, Standardization/Evaluation Flight Examiner, 552d Airborne Warning and Control Wing, Tinker Air Force Base, Ok.
4. June 1989 - June 1994, Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, In-flight Maintenance Requirements, Special Management Organization, Joint Surveillance Target Attack Radar System, Tactical Air Command/Air Combat Command, Langley Air Force Base, Va.
5. June 1994 - March 1996, Superintendent Training Flight and C-Flight, 961st Airborne

- Warning and Control Squadron, 18th Wing, Kadena Air Base, Okinawa.
6. March 1996 - May 1999, Current Operations and Operations Superintendent, 12th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 93d Air Control Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
 7. May 1999 – May 2001, Squadron Superintendent, 93d Training Squadron, 93d Air Control Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
 8. May 2001 – October 2003, Squadron Superintendent, 16th Airborne Command and Control Squadron, 116th Air Control Wing, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.
 9. October 2003 – December 2005, Commandant, Gunter Noncommissioned Officer Academy, MAFB, Gunter Annex, AL
 10. January 2006 – present, Command Chief Master Sergeant, 325th Fighter Wing, Tyndall AFB, FL

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters
Air Medal with one oak leaf cluster
Aerial Achievement Medal
Air Force Commendation Medal with four oak leaf clusters
Air Force Achievement Medal
Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with Valor and six oak leaf clusters
Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with two oak leaf clusters
Combat Readiness Medal with three oak leaf clusters
Air Force Good Conduct Medal with six oak leaf clusters
National Defense Service Medal with one service star
Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal
Southwest Asia Service Medal with two bronze star devices
Kosovo Campaign Medal
Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal
Global War on Terrorism Service Medal
Nato Medal (Kosovo)
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Saudi Arabia)
Kuwait Liberation Medal (Kuwait)

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

1984 Honor Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Preparatory School, Tinker AFB, OK
1986 World Affairs Award, Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School, Sheppard AFB, TX
1988 Distinguished Graduate, Noncommissioned Officer Academy, Bergstrom AFB, TX
1996 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 961st Airborne Command and Control Squadron, Kadena AB, Okinawa
1998 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 93d Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, GA
1999 Inducted as Honorary First Sergeant, 60th Air Expeditionary Wing, Rhein-Main AB, GE
1999 Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, 93d Air Control Wing, Robins AFB, GA

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Airman First Class	18 Jan 1982
Senior Airman	1 Jun 1984
Sergeant	1 Jun 1985
Staff Sergeant	1 Jul 1985
Technical Sergeant	27 Sep 1988
Master Sergeant	1 Nov 1993
Senior Master Sergeant	1 Dec 1998
Chief Master Sergeant	1 Oct 2001

(Current as of February 2006)